

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
December 8, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Michelle Petersen, Tom Randa, Jane Raybould, Craig Strong, David Derbin (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Jacquelyn Miller and Molly Burton (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis, Kodi Bonesteel, Megan Davison, Charlotte Burke, Kathy Cook and Elaine Severe.

Introductions

Ms. Halstead introduced Ms. Bonesteel, Maternal and Child Health Supervisor and Megan Davison, WIC Program Supervisor.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked that Accreditation Update be added under Current Business (Information Items). She asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Petersen that the Agenda be approved as amended. Second by Mr. Strong. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Strong that the November 10, 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated she received the Workforce Development Plan for 2016-2018 from Brandon Grimm, PhD, UNMC College of Public Health. The Plan identifies gaps in knowledge, skills and abilities through the assessment of both organizational and individual needs and addresses the gaps through training and development opportunities. The formal Plan will be presented to the Board of Health in January/February.

Ms. Halstead stated the UNMC College of Public Health has expressed an interest in State funds provided to UNMC with local health departments applying to UNMC for funding. This would be a change in role for UNMC.

Ms. Halstead stated the 2016 Legislative Session will begin in January. Updates will be provided to the Board of Health.

Ms. Halstead will serve on the Selection and Negotiating Committees for architectural and engineering plans for a permanent Hazardous Waste Facility. The City received grant funds from the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the plans. Staff are working with Purchasing on a bid process for architectural and engineering plans. Two firms submitted proposals. The Selection Committee will interview the two firms and make a selection before the end of the year. The permanent facility would be utilized for household hazardous waste collections and small business conditionally exempt waste. The facility will not be built unless grant funds are awarded to the Department. No new City or County funds will be requested for the facility construction. Existing staff will operate the facility the first 1-2 years depending on hours of operation and use. If grant funds are received for the building, it is anticipated the facility could be completed by 2017.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Healthy Families America Update

Ms. Bonesteel provided an update on the Healthy Families America Program. She stated the Program is an evidence-based home visitation model implemented to prevent child abuse in America in 1992. She reviewed the history of the Department's Program stating the program started in 2011 and the program was accredited in 2014. The program currently services 250 families. She reviewed the staffing, eligibility/enrollment requirements, program services and the client demographics and statistics. She also reviewed the Program Indicators and Outcomes and the cultural competency and client satisfaction results.

B. WIC Program Update

Ms. Davison provided an update on the WIC Program. She stated the Program is a federally funded nutrition program which helps low to moderate income families by providing nutrition and health information, nutritional foods, referrals to health and community resources and breastfeeding support. She provided information on the services the program provides, foods provided, and our partnerships with other agencies in the community. The Program currently provides services to an average caseload of 3,550 clients per month. She noted the differences between the WIC Program and the SNAP Program. She noted for every \$1.00 spent in WIC saves up to \$3.07 in health care costs. The Program recently upgraded to the statewide Journey Computer System and all transactions are now paperless. Dr. Peterson asked whether the Program could share medical information with the physician of record to eliminate some of the extra tests, etc. Ms. Davison responded the Program could do that with the proper authorizations and will work to make that happen.

C. Accreditation Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Department's efforts to pursue accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. She reviewed the timeline indicating the Department would submit their application in 2016. Staff would attend training in late spring or early summer and the Department would anticipate a site visit in October or November. She hoped the process would be completed by December, 2016. The Board of Health will be asked for a formal letter of support for accreditation for the Department at the January 12, 2016 Board of Health meeting.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – January 12, 2016– 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Elaine Walsh
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President